

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**PATENT** 

In re Application of

Tapio HAMEEN-ANTTILA et al.

Serial No.:

09/455,956

Filed: December 07, 1999

For:

Recording Game Information into a Server

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, DC 20231

Receipt date Granted is 11/16/01. E. Jones from OPLA.

## STATEMENT REQUESTING FILING DATE OF RETURNED EXPRESS MAIL DEPOSIT

SIR:

Applicant's undersigned attorney's employee deposited the attached documents in connection with the above-identified application with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail on Friday, November 16, 2001. A copy of the Express Mail shipping label, on which can be seen the Postal Service's acknowledgement of its actual receipt of the Express Mail package on November 16, 2001, is attached hereto. The attached documents (which were in the Express Mail package) also bear the required Express Mail identification information in accordance with the current Rules of Practice.

On Monday, November 19, 2001, the Express Mail package that had been deposited with the Postal Service on November 16 was returned (undelivered) to the undersigned's firm with its regular daily mail delivery. The Postal Service delivery person reported, as the reason for the return of the Express Mail package, that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office "was not accepting Express Mail packages". I immediately telephoned the

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Patent and Trademark Office and was informed that this was indeed the case. I was also informed in that telephone conversation that the Patent and Trademark Office would accept hand delivery of the documents and, upon presentment of the Express Mail shipping label evidencing the original deposit of the documents with the Postal Service on November 16, 2001, that date (i.e. November 16, 2001) would be accorded the filing date of the documents. I also checked the US Patent and Trademark Office website both before and after that telephone conversation with the Patent and Trademark Office, and confirmed that the website did not include any notice or information relating to the suspension of acceptance of Express Mail packages by the Patent and Trademark Office. Thus, there was no way that I or anyone else in my firm could have known or expected that the Express Mail deposit on November 16 would not be accepted by the Patent and Trademark Office.

I then, on November 19, sent the still-sealed Express Mail package containing the documents by FedEx overnight delivery to Carolyn Freeman of Patentec in Arlington, Virginia with instructions for Ms. Freeman to hand-deliver the unopened Express Mail package to the Patent and Trademark Office and to obtain a mailroom stamp on the associated return receipt postcard evidencing a filing date of November 16, 2001 - i.e. the date of the original Express Mail deposit with the Postal Service.

On November 20, 2001, Ms. Freeman telephoned to inform me that the Patent and Trademark Office mailroom would only stamp the return receipt postcard with the <u>current</u> date - i.e. November 20 - but that the Petitions branch suggested that the documents be filed with a "Statement" explaining what had transpired and requesting that the Express Mail deposit date be considered the filing date of the documents. Ms. Freeman further informed me that the Petitions branch had informed her that no fee would be required in connection with this request.

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Applicant accordingly requests a filing date of November 16, 2001 - i.e. the original Express Mail deposit date - for the attached documents.

Any fees or charges required in connection with this application at the present time may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 03-2412

- Any filing fees required under 37 CFR §1.16. [X]
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 not otherwise paid by [X]check.
- The issue fee set in 37 CFR 1.18 at 3 months from mailing of the [X]Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311 (b) provided the fee has not already been paid by check.
- Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims. [X]

Respectfully submitted,

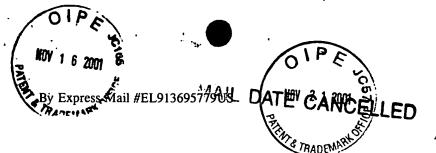
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